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SUBJ: MIKI VOWS TO STAY ON

SUMMARY. AT JULY 18 NAHA, OKINAWA, PRESS CONFERENCE, PRIMIN MIKI SAID HE INTENDS TO SERVE FULL THREE-YEAR TERM AS LDP PRESIDENT/PRIME MINISTER. END SUMMARY.

1. AT A PRESS CONFERENCE IN NAHA, OKINAWA, JULY 18, PRIMIN MIKI ANNOUNCED HIS INTENTION TO SERVE A FULL THREE-YEAR TERM AS PRIME MINISTER WITHOUT FURTHER CONSIDERATION BY LDP OR NEW PARTY ELECTION.

2. COMMENT. IN VOICING HIS INTENTION TO SERVE A FULL THREE-YEAR TERM AS LDP PRESIDENT AND PRIME MINISTER, MIKI IS SEEKING TO CUT GROUND FROM UNDER TANAKA AND OHIRA FACTION MEMBERS WHO CLAIM THAT MIKI

LDP PRESIDENCY SHOULD BE RE-ENDORSED BY A PARTY CONVENTION SOMETIME SOON--PREFERABLY UNDER NEW RULES ADVANTAGEOUS TO THEM. MUCH OF THE OHIRA/TANAKA CONCERN STEMS FROM LIKELIHOOD THAT MIKI WILL RECEIVE A PLAUSIBLE PUBLIC MANDATE IN EXPECTED LATE 1975 GENERAL ELECTION WHICH WILL MAKE IT THAT MORE DIFFICULT TO UNSEAT HIM. MIKI, NOT SURPRISINGLY, MAINTAINS PARTY RE-ENDORSEMENT IS NOT NECESSARY--IT DOES NOT APPEAR LIKELY
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